



Loudoun News

Report from Scott K. York

Chairman, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors

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Message from Chairman Scott K. York



Dear Friends:

I have outlined on page two of this report a recent analysis of the State cuts that impact Loudoun County. Recently, I met with a top official in the Governor's office to express my deep concerns related to these cuts and their impact upon our residents.

On a happy note, I was pleased to be able to join with the representatives of the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter and the building

community to participate in a ceremonial ground breaking for improvements to the safe house for abused women and their children. It was heartening to see the generosity of the private sector in helping make needed improvements to this critical community service.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you regarding your thoughts and suggestions.

Scott K. York
Chairman

Holiday Coalition Teams Up With Dulles Town Center

The Community Holiday Coalition's "Neighbor Helping Neighbor" Program is already underway. Dulles Town Center is helping the Coalition this year by sponsoring a special evening on November 17 called "Celebration of the Fashionation of the Season" with all ticket sales going to benefit The Community Holiday Coalition and Youth for Tomorrow. Featured at the event from 7-10 p.m. will be entertainment, food, door prizes, and special sales and discounts from many of the Dulles Town Center Mall stores, and of course the Jolly Old Elf himself, Santa. Members of the Holiday Coalition Steering Committee are busy selling tickets for \$10 each.



"This opportunity could be an enormous help for our program," says Karen Velez, Holiday Coalition Coordinator. "We are expecting a greater need than last year so we need more donations and more funds to provide for those families. All proceeds from the tickets sold by the Coalition's Steering Committee Members go directly to the Holiday Coalition."

To help make someone's Holiday brighter buy a ticket! For more information call the Holiday Hot Line at 703-771-5718.

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State Cuts to Loudoun

While analysis continues, the following is a list of state cuts to Loudoun County programs as announced by the Governor in mid-October.

- ◆ 11% cut to the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Compensation Board funding for agency operations and state funding for the Technology Trust Fund.
- ◆ 11% cut to the Commissioner of Revenue in Compensation Board funding.
- ◆ 7% cut to the Commonwealth Attorney in Compensation Board funding.
- ◆ 7% cut to the Electoral Board in payments to localities.
- ◆ 7% cut to Housing Services for the Homeless Intervention Program.
- ◆ 8% cut to Housing Services for the Indoor Plumbing Program.
- ◆ Elimination of the Juvenile Drug Assessment position in the Juvenile Court Service Unit.
- ◆ 15% cut in State Aid to the Library system.
- ◆ 10% cut in state funding for Community Services Boards within the Department of Mental Health/Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.
- ◆ 11% cut for Area Agencies on Aging.
- ◆ 11% cut to the Treasurer for Compensation Board funding.

Compensation Board funding is the State Aid that is received by localities throughout the State to fund the operations of the offices of Constitutional Officers, such as the Treasurer.

In addition to the above, the State has also closed the DMV office in Sterling and has proposed the closing of the truck weigh station in Aldie. I have personally met with a top official in the Governor's office to express my concerns related to these cuts in important state services to the residents of our County. While it appears at the moment that the State will not relent on the DMV offices, we may have some hope with respect to the weigh station which is critically important to keeping overweight and unsafe trucks off our roads. I'll keep you informed.

L.A.W.S. Ceremonial Ground Breaking



Chairman Scott York joined with members of L.A.W.S. (Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter) for the ceremonial ground breaking of renovations to the organization's safe house for abused women. Chairman York thanked members of HomeAid, the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association and Renaissance Homes for their contributions which will make the \$150,000 in renovations possible.

Photo Caption: Chairman York speaks to the assembled as LAWS Board of Director's President, Brenda MacEoin, and Executive Director, Sue Curtis, look on.